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MDC Exile Group Protests Raid Here

A CUBAN exile group, in a formal statement Friday, protested what it called the "brutal and illegal" manner in which law enforcement officials raided its offices April 21.

Police invaded the 1732 NW Seventh St. headquarters of the Christian Democrat Movement of Cuba (MDC) in a mid-afternoon raid. They found an assortment of weapons and charged an MDC leader with assault and battery.

In the statement signed by 20 MDC members, the exile group claimed police "abused both verbally and physically" several leaders when they requested to see search warrants.

"The MDC categorically denies the accounts of the happening which hold our leaders responsible for assault and battery," the statement added.

"The members of MDC behaved in a correct and orderly manner at all times . . ."

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